



CITY OF EL PASO TREE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2008 @ 3:30 P.M.

2 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 5TH FLOOR

CONFERENCE ROOM

MINUTES

Members Present

Oscar Mestas, Acting Chair
Raymond Bader
Lois Balin
Mark Benitez
James Tolbert
Wynn Anderson
John White

Members Absent

David Morales
Lewis Wright

Staff Present

Joel McKnight, Assistant Director
Parks & Recreation Department
Sam Calhoun, Superintendent
Lucy Calderon, Recording Secretary

Late Arrivals/Early Departures: Raymond Bader arrived at 4:05 p.m.

1. Meeting called to order by Acting Chairman, Oscar Mestas at 3:35 p.m.
2. **Motion to approve the Minutes of June 23, 2008 and Minutes of July 28, 2008 made by Wynn Anderson; seconded by Mark Benitez; all in favor; motion carried**
3. **Discussion and Information on Fall Arbor Day Celebration:** Arbor Day Celebration will be held Friday, October 24, 2008, Blackie Cheshier Park at 10:00 a.m. Proclamation for City Council to be prepared by Mark Benitez with the help of Oscar Mestas and Wayne Thornton. Program will be handled by Sam Calhoun and Wayne Thornton. Suggestion for a tree planting and pruning demonstration was made by Lois Balin. Representative Holguin will be asked to contribute for snacks.
4. **Discussion and Information on Status of Storm Water Management Board:** Meeting dates include: 9/11/08, 10/1/08, 10/11/08, 10/29/08, 11/19/08, 1/13/09, 1/21/09, 1/28/09, and 2/4/09 at the Tech H2O Center. Members include Maria Trunk, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Mark Benitez with the Tree Board, and Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director.
5. **Discussion and Information on Changes to the Tree Care Ordinance and Code:** Joel McKnight, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, advised the board that City Council accepted all changes made. Tree Board members will receive a copy of the Ordinance and Code as soon as it gets published.
6. **Discussion and Action on Modification to Tree and Plant List:** None Given

7. **Open Comment Period:** Oscar Mestas handed out invitations to the Texas Tree Conference. James Tolbert would like an agenda item for Goals and Objectives for the next Tree Board.
8. **Motion to adjourn Tree Board meeting made by Wynn Anderson; seconded by James Tolbert; all in favor meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.**